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Re:

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Treatment of Glaucoma and Related Disorders

Inventors: NGUYEN et al. Atty. Ref. No.:16491.066

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

- 1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (in duplicate);
- 2. Response to Restriction Requirement;
- 3. Check No. 200734 in the amount of \$110.00 for a (1) month extension of time; and
- 4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier, and returned.

Applicants do not believe that any fees other than the one (1) month extension of time are due. However, should any additional fees be required, the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-1824, referencing matter number 16491.066. This letter is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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